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1) I HAD ALREADY MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEFENSE
MINISTER ORLA MOLLER TODAY TO DISCUSS LIGHTWEIGHT
FIGHTER DEVELOPMENTS (SEPTTEL) AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF
MY CALL TO RAISE THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTTEL ABOUT
SPAIN AND NATO. I ALSO LEFT A PAPER WITH MOLLER
WHICH CONTAINED THE DRAFT STATEMENT FROM PARA 1 REFTTEL,

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AS WELL AS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ARGUMENTS EMBODIED IN

PARA 2.

2) I EMPHASIZED THAT THE US WAS SENSITIVE TO THE OBJECTIONS RAISED BY MANY OF THE ALLIES AS THE RESULT OF OUR EARLIER DEMARCHE ON THIS SUBJECT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE THAT SPAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFENSE OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IS A REAL ONE AND THAT SOME ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WAS JUSTIFIED, PARTICULARLY IN THE MILITARY CONTEXT. I INFORMED MOLLER THAT WE WOULD BRING UP THE MATTER AT THE MAY 22-23 DPC MEETING AND HOPED THAT THE DANES WOULD SUPPORT OUR PROPOSAL.

3) MOLLER SAID THAT THIS IS A MATTER WHERE FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS ARE PARAMOUNT AND THAT HE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KB. ANDERSEN WITH WHOM HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS QUESTION, SPEAKING IN GENERAL, MOLLER SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE DETECTED SOME ATTENUATION IN DANISH HOSTILITY TO THE FRANCO REGIME, HE JUDGED THAT ANY MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION BETWEEN DENMARK AND SPAIN WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE POST-FRANCO PERIOD. AFTER EXAMINING THE DRAFT LANGUAGE WE PROPOSED, MOLLER COMMENTED THAT HE PERSONALLY REGARDED THE STATEMENT AS A "WISE EXPRESSION" AND WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE REAL DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DANISH SUPPORT FOR IT. HE AGAIN, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZED THAT FOREIGN POLICY WAS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN PARTICULAR. MOLLER RECALLED THAT HE DEMURRED TO "FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS" WHICH WERE RAISED AT THE RECENT EURO-GROUP MEETING.

4) WE ARE ALSO IN TOUCH WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WILL REPORT THEIR REACTIONS AS SOON AS OBTAINED.

5) COMMENT: I HOPE THAT MOLLER'S PERSONAL REACTION WILL BE REFLECTED BY ANDERSEN AND OTHERS IN THIS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE DANES WILL, IN FACT, SUPPORT OUR MOVE IN THE DPC. I MUST, HOWEVER, POINT OUT THAT MOLLER COMES FROM THE RIGHT WING OF HIS PARTY AND IS STRONGLY PRO-US AND PRO-NATO. HIS OWN SENTIMENTS, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE NOT FULLY SHARED BY ALL MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY OR THE PRESENT CABINET. CROWE

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